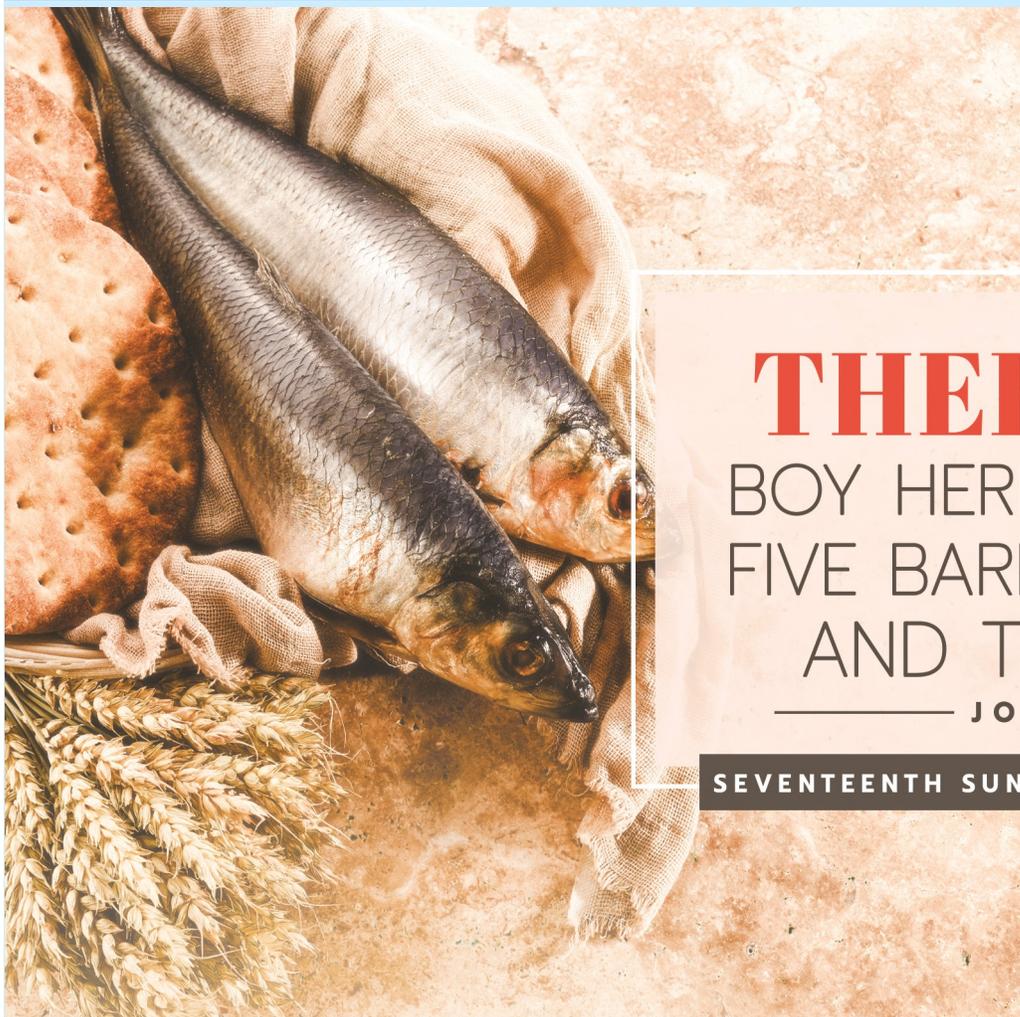


Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



THERE IS A

BOY HERE WHO HAS
FIVE BARLEY LOAVES
AND TWO FISH.

— JOHN 6:9 —

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 28, 2024
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

- Saturday at 4:15 PM
- Sunday at 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

Reconciliation

- Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 PM
- Sundays after Mass upon request or by appointment, by calling the parish office

Please contact the parish office regarding
Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion,
Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick.

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Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

The Eucharistic Congress was held in Indianapolis from July 17-21. The last time a Eucharistic Congress took place in the United States was 81 years ago. And it took place in Saint Paul.

A Eucharistic Congress is meant to proclaim to all that the mystery of salvation finds its truest expression in the celebration of the Eucharist.

In the beginning of the first document promulgated by the Second Vatican Council on December 4, 1963, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, we read:

“For the liturgy, ‘through which the work of our redemption is accomplished,’ (1) most of all in the sacrifice of the Eucharist, is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church.”

At the end of the last document promulgated by the Council on December 7, 1965, The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, we read:

“Christians cannot yearn for anything more ardently than to serve the men and women of the modern world with mounting generosity and success. Therefore, by holding faithfully to the Gospel and benefiting from its resources, by joining with everyone who loves and practices justice, Christians have shouldered a gigantic task for fulfillment in this world, a task concerning which they must give a reckoning to Him who will judge everyone on the last of days.”

The Council seems to suggest that we take seriously the scripture passages:

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister,* and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)*

Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. (John 4:21)

Let me have no more of your strumming on harps. But let justice flow like water, and integrity like an unfailing stream. (Amos 5:23-24)

The Liturgy is important. However, the action and work of the liturgy takes place when we leave the church and re-enter our daily lives; the meaning of the liturgy is ultimately found in the practical ways we love God and neighbor.

I am saddened to know that this fundamental sense of the Eucharist was not addressed at the Eucharistic Congress.

Father Steve Adrian

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” ~ Isaiah 6:8

Offertory Gifts: Would you like to bring the bread and wine forward at the offertory? Would you prefer to know in advance when that might happen? Perhaps do this as a family. Would you like to be included in the ministry schedule for this ministry? If so, contact the Parish Center, 651-224-9793 or speak to a sacristan or a greeter at Mass.

State Fair Strawberry Booth **In 24 Days!**

Beginning Wednesday, August 21 and continuing through Sunday, September 4, St. Matthew parishioners and friends will again be cleaning strawberries for a booth at the State Fair. The booth owners are estimating that they may have even more berries this year! Cleaning will begin at 8:00 AM each day, in the Social Hall. Depending on the amount of berries, cleaning should be done around noon. The socializing is fantastic! Mark your calendars to take part in the “Great St. Matthews Get-Together”!! Sign-up sheets are available on the tables in the back of the church.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jim & Betty Boeckman, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Holly Casillas, Sue Derringer, Sean Kane, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Floro Luque, Diane McFarland, Roberta Otte, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, James Stanger, Sr., Chris Stevens, Patricia Weisman, and Thomas & Kasi Wright.

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

St. Matthew Welcomes All to Our Parish!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) at the parish office.



Parish Administrator's Note

Thinking About Systems

If you were to call 911, what would you expect to happen?

I know I'd expect an operator to respond quickly. And if needed, the operator would dispatch someone to my location.

Our 911 system is just one example of the way our government serves us. There are many others. They're on my mind these days, as we approach important elections in November.

Yes, sometimes a system breaks down. Our governmental systems are large, complicated, and operated by fallible humans. It's important for us as citizens to pay attention and hold systems to account. Generations before us have worked hard to build our systems, and they require constant maintenance. Self-government takes effort.

When holding government and other systems to account, let's keep Gospel values in mind. As Fr. Thomas said in a recent homily, they include love, justice and peace.

I find it helpful to think of "love" as a verb, not only a feeling. That is, *to love* is to will the good of others . . . to decide to do good things for others. Our parish commitment to do good works is an example.

As for justice and peace, the words of Pope Paul VI come to mind: "If you want peace, work for justice." Note that verb, "work". Justice isn't automatic. It takes work.

Some of us are called to work in large systems. I'm grateful to those who do so. Good governance is a lot of work.

Some of us are called to work on a smaller scale, such as in our parish. I'm grateful to the many volunteers who do so.

That said, we can always use more volunteers. (We are a volunteer parish, after all.) What interests you? How do you want to serve others?

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit July 27-August 2, 2024 in memory of **Pam, Lucille and**

Robert Stickler, Sr.

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at 651-224-9793 by 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday.

News and Events

Rosary in the Park

The last Rosary in the Park hosted by the Rosary Society will be **Tuesday, August 13 at 10:00 AM**. All women, men, youth and children are invited to participate in the praying of the rosary. We will convene in or near the large picnic shelter in Cherokee Park.

New Ministry Schedule

We will be writing the new ministry schedule the week of August 5. This schedule will begin the weekend of September 7 & 8 and run through Sunday, November 24. Please let Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) know by **Monday, August 5** as to what Masses you **would be available**, and/or which Masses you **cannot** serve. Thank you for your continuing service to St. Matthew's Parish!

National Night Out 2024

St. Matthew will host National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. More information can be found in the insert.

Mass in the Park

St. Matthew's annual Mass and Picnic in the Park will be on **Saturday, August 10 at 4:30 PM** at the Cherokee Regional Park in St. Paul. See the flyer inside for more information. We hope to see you there!

Father Steve Update

In last week's bulletin, Father Steve wrote about the success of his cancer treatment. Chemotherapy has shrunk the size of tumors that were present in March and there are no new tumors. His brain now is cancer free. We could hardly hope for better news.

Father Steve also shared that when he is able, he would like to join us in worship – not as the presider, but as a fellow parishioner. Due to his health, Father Steve can no longer serve as clergy at Masses, funerals, baptisms, or other sacraments, but our community will be blessed to have him as a member of the congregation. We look forward to that day.

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Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 AM** for the next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of July 28, 2024

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/ Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 27

4:15 PM Mass
+Arthur Geis
+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, July 28

10:15 AM Mass
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Virgil Roethler
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Monday, July 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, August 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, August 2

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, August 3

4:15 PM Mass
+Kathy Blair
+Nancy Maloney

Sunday, August 4

10:15 AM Mass
+Lee F. Maruska
+Agnes C. and Gordon B. Roscoe
+Jason Skogseth

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes

Monday, July 29

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Tuesday, July 30

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Thursday, August 1

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Crafting Group
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, August 2

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 3

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, August 4

10:15 AM Mass

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